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ALMA

Christmas Ministry. Mr. Sauvain (Or.) acted as narrator when for the first time in the history of St. Joseph's Church, San Jose, Midnight Mass was put on the air over KSJO. Celebrant and ministers at the Mass were Frs. Ring, Hand, and T. Leahy. In Watsonville, Fr. Sisk (Ore.) narrated for Station KHUB during the Midnight Missa Cantata. In the Soldiers' Post at Fort Ord, near Monterey, a special Alma choir directed by Mr. Mackin sang for 900 trainees attending Midnight Mass. Bro. Carmichael of the Novitiate was organist. Fr. Bain, one of the Catholic chaplains at the Fort, acted as subdeacon. In the Alma Chapel, Messrs. Trame and Astruc directed the regular choir in hymns and the Lux et Origo Mass. The Alma Choir also went on the air over KLOK, San Jose, at 10:30 Christmas morning, via a half-hour tape recording they had made Dec. 20.

Catechetics. Mr. Fernandez, head of the Mexican Missionaries, working with Fr. Louis Kern, Fr. Donald McDonnell of St. Patrick's Parish, and the Catholic Women's Center of San Jose, organized a Christmas party for 430 Mexican children at the Jackson Street Hall, Dec. 22. Mr. Poole (Ore.) was Santa Claus. At Christmas time the Alma catechists distributed 450 scapulars furnished by St. Joseph's chapter of the Third Order of Carmelites. In January they will start their second year of weekly instruction on Saturday afternoons and at Sunday Mass. Parents have spontaneously thanked the Theologians for the striking improvement in obedience, courtesy and reverence shown by the children since catechism classes started among them.

Unsung but fruitful catechetical work that has been going on for years is that involving the Catholic boys who attend Montezuma, a private school about a mile up the hill from Alma. When the boys come here for Sunday Mass they are instructed by Messrs. Purdy, J. Bradley, La Riviere (all Ore.), and Bro. McDermott. Frs. Perez and Manterola work with the Spanish-speaking boys.

Mr. Purdy and Mr. DeRouen (Missouri) trained a Christmas choir consisting of children who attend catechism class here after the Workmen's Mass on Sunday. Fr. Webster Patterson's after-Mass instructions to adults in the guest parlor this Fall centered around Scripture appreciation.

CCC. The Canisius Correspondence Course, under Mr. Henry, reports that during the past year 114 persons took a total of 348 instructions, 27 finished, and 58 are still taking the course. Sharing the work of correspondence were 46 Theologians. The CCC also offers a course in understanding the Sacrifice of the Mass.

Delinquency. Mr. Donald DeMeer, a juvenile-delinquency worker from San Jose, spoke here Nov. 28. He scouted the common opinion that parents are totally to blame for the crimes of young people. Diseases like encephalitis, he claimed, sometimes affect a child's moral sense. Another factor is that in all but a few California counties the judge has no intermediate treatment between parole, which with a repeating offender is sure to be inefficacious, and commitment to a state institution (including San Quentin),

which is more costly than sending the delinquent to Harvard. Foster-home treatment, Mr. DeMeer concluded, is the most effective.

Dr. McKenna. Dr. J. Fenton McKenna is in his tenth year as visiting instructor of speech to the Theologians. He is the Director of Theater at San Francisco State College, and President of the American National Theater and Academy, Region I. From San Francisco he drives to Alma for weekly classes with first and second year men. Besides, of his own initiative he is working with an advanced speech seminar, and spends at least two hours a week giving individual help to men who are concentrating on sermon work.

Art Work. On display in the library before Christmas were 21 permanent-record volumes for the Province archives. About 12 by 16 inches each, they were specially made at the Alma Bindery, under Bro. McDermott. Minimum cost at a commercial bindery would have been $100 a volume.

Mr. Meany's skillfully modeled plaster statue of St. Robert Bellarmine, colored in red and white and standing 25 inches high, has been placed over the Bellarmine altar in the crypt. Sculptor Meany (Ore.) has just finished a statue of St. Thomas Aquinas, the second in a series of five for the altars of the crypt.

During his December retreat at Alma, Fr. Ryder of LA had the services of a Byzantine-Slav choir composed of Messrs. Mackin, Caldwell, Astruc and Porter.

Varia. Fr. Wm. Huesman gave the pre-Dec. 8 triduum at the College of the Holy Names, Oakland. Mr. Fallert (Ore.) is now the sixth Alman to acquire an "A" radio operator's license. Mr. T. Byrne was called out three times for "supply" as Santa Claus at gatherings of children in Los Gatos, Alma, and Redwood Estates. Mr. Costa is the new beadle, Mr. Murray (Ore.) sub-beadle.

BELLARMINE

Speakers. Fr. Hauck of Santa Clara addressed the Mothers Guild, Nov. 27, on "Living a Fuller Life." Fr. Zacheus Maher gave a day of recollection to 27 Jesuit Mothers, Dec. 9. Fr. Minister (D. Walsh), Guild moderator, presided. Fr. Maher preached on the same day at a Solemn Benediction and consecration to the Sacred Heart organized for the boarders by Fr. McDermott. Another speaker for the Jesuit Mothers was Fr. Connolly, Rector of Los Gatos, who gave a talk on the Juniorate. Fr. Gerald Flynn gave the opening talk at the inauguration of a new YLI institute for the Campbell area.

Faculty. Fr. John O'Farrell has been taking Fr. Owens' religion classes, Frs. David Walsh and McDermott the classes of Fr. Ralph. At an education meeting in SF, Dec. 19-21, Fr. Corvi was a consultant on counseling, Fr. Flynn on Latin teaching. Father Rector's Day, Dec. 21, was attended by 70 Jesuits from Bellarmine and all our houses in Northern California. Fr. Colosimo was largely responsible for Mrs. Louise Bell's gift of a new Hammond organ for the Students Chapel.

Year-end tridua: Fr. Plushkell, LA; Fr. Corvi, SF; Fr. McDermott, Gilroy; Fr. Flynn, day of recollection, Dec. 31, Notre Dame Convent, San Jose.

Activities. "Wings Over Europe," staged Dec. 5, 6, 7, the second play of the semester, was a thriller about the atom bomb and its effects. Dec. 3, when Fr. Plushkell, Director of Athletics, assembled the 505 pieces of football equipment from the four football teams, he found only one piece missing. It was replaced by the erring player.

The Dads Club card party, held Dec. 2 in the gym, was a genuine success. At their Christmas

Party, Dec. 15, the Dads presented Fr. Rector (T. Cosgrave) with $2500 for the Building Fund. Nov. 27 the Mothers Guild had given him a check for $2000, the proceeds of the Dessert Bridge.

The Real Estate Board of San Jose gave out several hundred dollars to four Bellarmine students for winning 1st, 2nd, 8th and 9th prizes in an essay contest on "Why I Want to Own My Own Home."

CHINA

Fr. Dowd recently returned from China on his way to St. Louis, where he will study catechetical techniques under Fr. Heeg. He stated that the situation of those detained by the Communists is about the same, and that there is little reliable news about them.

Fr. Murphy has been shifted to the University of Taipeh in Formosa, where he is teaching English and sociology.

Fr. Daly, Fr. Rouleau, and Fr. C. McCarthy (if he can leave China) are tentatively slated to teach at the theologate to be formed at Baguio in the Philippines.

At the Chinese novitiate and juniorate in the Philippines, Fr. Korn is Minister, Fr. Gordon is teaching English, and Fr. T. Carroll is teaching English and Chinese, as well as phonetics in the language school.

LOS GATOS

Speakers. Fr. Louis Dowd, home from China, told the Juniors and Novices in several talks how our men in China have solved their two big problems, how to make converts and how to keep them converted. Fr. Zacheus Maher gave the points for the pre-renovation triduum. The affirmative won the first debate of the year, "Resolved, that intercollegiate football should be abolished in our California colleges." Judges were Fr. Hand and Messrs. Shanks and Herold, all of Alma. Fr. Silva preached the Forty Hours at St. Monica's, SF.

Fathers. Fr. McGreal is at Monrovia, after an operation for an intestinal obstruction. He is allowed up for a time every day, a concession usually granted only when a patient is well on the way to recovery. Fr. Strehl is temporary Spiritual Father for the Juniors.

Among our collection of pamphlets about the missions Fr. Joseph Geary, House Librarian, found a valuable document of Northwest history. It is a booklet of faculties of the Society granted to Frs. DeSmet, DeVos, Point, Mengarini, and Adrian Hoecken. Dated 24 April 1843, it is subscribed by Fr. Verhaegen, Provincial of Missouri.

Fathers on Christmas supply: Playoust, Mariposa; Cahill, Patterson; Chas. Kavanagh, LA; Jos. Geary and Burman, Centerville; Silva, Napa; Charlton, Belmont.

Brothers. Bro. Charles Connor pronounced his first vows Dec. 8. Bro. McTigue is Porter. Coadjutor Postulant Robert E. McCarthy of LA entered the Novitiate Dec. 9.

Work on the new infirmary is progressing well. Plasterers are busy inside and outside. Mr. Lorano, foreman of the Novitiate workmen, is in charge of constructing rock walls at the ends of the building.

LOYOLA HIGH

The junior classes presented five one-act plays in the Play Festival held Dec. 11. Two plays were directed by Mr. Dempsey, two by Mr. Hogan, and one by Mr. Gennette. An award went to the best actor of the evening.

The Henry Welch Guild held its annual Christmas Party for the mothers and fathers of the students, Dec. 9. Over 620 guests were present. The Jesuit Mothers' Christmas Party took place Dec. 16, with faculty members from the University and High School in attendance.

After a very successful canned food drive among the students, our boys assisted the Helpers of the Holy Souls in distributing the food among the city's needy. Again this year the old gymnasium was used by the post office for the segregation and delivery of Christmas packages.

Fr. Wondra conducted the December vow triduum.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

Workshop. The Education Department sponsored a workshop, Dec. 17-18, on the testing devices used in counseling. Present were Fr. Tichenor, Director of the Counseling Bureau at USF, Fr. Stretch, Vice-President of Santa Clara, Fr. James Healy, Master of Novices, Fr. Rooney and Fr. Carlin, Chaplain and Prefect of Discipline at Loyola High. Discussion was conducted by Fr. Bannan, Fr. D. Finnegan, Dr. Pierce, and Fr. Von der Ahe, who stressed the relations between the work of the chaplain and that of the testing bureau.

The Loyola Male Chorus and Mixed Chorus, under Mr. Hollenback's direction, featured Saint-Saens' Christmas Oratorio during their annual Christmas Concert in the University Library. Choral works dating from the 16th century completed the program. The Junior Debating Team, coached by Mr. D. O'Sullivan, won second, third, and fourth place in the sections for first-year orators at the East Los Angeles Junior College Debate Tournament, Dec. 7-8. The Loyola Mothers Guild held its annual Christmas Party, a financial success, in the Loyola Memorial Gymnasium, Dec. 6.

Lugo Pole. The flagpole from the Old Lugo House was re-erected in front of the Lair. Rescued when the Lugo House was razed to make way for the new Harbor Speedway, this pole, which had seen the beginning of old St. Vincent's College in 1865, will stand as a testimony to "the long and glorious Christian traditions and the traditions of the Jesuit educators."

Fr. Everett J. Hogan (Chic.) was badly injured Dec. 16 when returning from Sunday supply. He fell asleep and his car hit a high-voltage power pole. The transformer dropped from the pole and if Father had attempted to get out of the car he would have been electrocuted. He will lose the sight of one eye and perhaps that of the other. He also suffered a fractured nose, head contusions, numerous fractured ribs, and still undetermined internal injuries.

PHOENIX

With the beginning of the coming fall semester, a new high school of Ours will open its doors in Phoenix. For the first year of operation, registration will be limited to freshman students, but instruction for sophomore, junior and senior students will be added to the curriculum in the course of the following three years. According to present arrangements, classes will be held in the buildings of the former Brophy College, parts of which are now in use by the girls' high school. The two high schools, however, will operate as distinct institutions, under separate administration.

PORT TOWNSEND

Hospital experiments: Sacred Heart, Spokane, Fr. McAuliffe; Providence, Seattle, Fr. Zabala.

Three-day retreats: Fr. Morse to student nurses at St. Joseph's Hospital, Victoria, B.C., and to freshman and sophomore girls at St. Leo's High, Tacoma; Fr. Kennard to the Ladies Sodality at St. Joseph's Church, Seattle; Fr. T. Flynn to students of the College of the Holy Names, Spokane. Fr. Hopkins gave a three-day mission at Immaculate Conception Church in Stayton, Oregon.

In the absence of Bro. Kish, our cook, Frs. Flynn, Vachon and Kennard took over preparing the community breakfast for two weeks. Oregon Province Fathers handled the lunch and dinner meals.

Fr. Suver conducted the triduum just before Christmas.

SAN FRANCISCO

Fr. Cody was elected to the Gallery of Living Catholic Authors. To qualify, an author must have published two significant works. Fr. James Lyons gave the Advent retreat at the Newman Club on the Berkeley campus. The retreat was for both Catholic and non-Catholics and about 300 were present. Fr. Mulcahy read a paper in Boston at the meeting of the Catholic Economic Association. His paper on the Welfare Economy of Heinrich Pesch was the principal paper of the convention.

The Scholastics spent the Christmas holidays at Olompali. The usual number of supply calls was filled during the Christmas season by members of the community assisting in various parishes up and down the state.

Ollie Matson, a member of the USF football team, was named on most All-American teams in the nation. Three members were invited to play in the annual East-West game. The Loyola Guild and the Jesuit Mothers held their annual Christmas parties during the holidays. The Fathers Club of the High School held a very successful dinner-dance in the High School gym. More than 350 couples attended.

SODALITY

Before Dec. 8, Fr. Howard held a "Sodality visitation" among the fourth-year Fathers at Alma, and found all of them interested positively in furthering Sodality work in the Province. Convening with the Sodality Academy, Nov. 26, he discussed methods of attracting the best boys into the Sodality, and immediate goals for high school and college sodalities. Dec. 9 he showed slide films of Rome, Lourdes, and Fatima.

Fr. Francis Curran's pamphlet, "Why Not an Ambassador to the Vatican?" will be released Jan. 1 by the Queen's Work.

Fr. Lord received the Marian Award from Dayton U, Dec. 14, for outstanding work in spreading devotion to Our Lady. New Director of the Summer Schools of Catholic Action is Fr. Zimmerman. Miss Dorothy Willman attended the UNESCO meeting in Paris, Nov. 20-27. Frs. Lord, Wobido, and Dowling conducted a workshop on Catholic recreation at Maryville College, Dec. 15, with students from more than ten states attending.

RECENT DEATHS

Fr. Eugene M. Ivancovich, on Dec. 22, 1951, at Los Angeles, in the 62nd year of the life and his 46th in the Society.

Fr. Joseph W. Fennell, on Jan. 3, 1952, in San Jose, in the 55th year of his life and his 34th in the Society.

Fr. Frederick J. Ralph, in Jan. 1952, in San Jose, in the 68th year of his life, and his 27th in the Society.

Fr. Alfred J. Gallagher, on Dec. 13 in Cleveland.

Fr. Gerald G. Walsh, on Dec. 17, in Jamaica, N.Y.

The mother of Fr. McFadden.

The mother of Mr. Keith.

The mother of Mr. Edmund Hogan.

The father of Mr. McCauley.

The mother of Mr. William LeRoux (Ore., 2nd yr. theol.).

Accep. Litt. Dimiss.: Mr. John O'Hara, 2nd yr. regent; Mr. William Roache, 1st yr. phil.; Bro. Alvin Madruga, coad. temp.